

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Soren Flensted Lassen Confirmation No: 9635

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Group Art Unit: 1652

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For: Improved Proteases and Methods for Producing Them

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2007 that made restriction and election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of twenty four designated groups. In response to these requirements, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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